

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2012**  
**Freeway Medical Building**  
**Room 906**

**Attendees:** Andrea Martin (via phone), Anna Strong, Barbara Kumpe, Bob West, Brett Stone (via phone), Carole Garner, Charlotte Davis, Don Johnson, Elton Cleveland, Jada Walker, Laura Bednar (via phone), Michelle Justus, Paula Smith, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Anderson

**Absentees:** Connie Whitfield, Joanne McLendon, Robyn Keene

**Staff:** Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach, Taniesha Richardson

**Next meeting:** December 13, 2012

**Business**

- Minutes for October were reviewed. Barbara made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Arkansas Out of School Network Presentation**

- Laveta Willis-Hale presented the group with information on the Arkansas Out of School Network (AOSN). The mission of this group is to create a safe, healthy, and enriching learning experience for Arkansas youth during out of school time. She talked about the “Afterschool is Key” campaign that was launched in 2010. The goal is to help strengthen, expand, and sustain Arkansas’ school-linked and school-based afterschool and summer programs for children and youth ages 5 to 19, during out of school time. In order to complete the goals she explained that there must be System Building, Quality Programs, Strategic Partnerships, and Expanded Learning Time Programs. For more information go to their website at: [www.aosn.org](http://www.aosn.org).

**Retreat Overview**

- Barbara discussed the new binders provided for members at the retreat. She explained that each member will be responsible to bring their CHAC binders to the monthly meetings. Agendas and minutes will be provided each month for members to add to their binders.
- Jada and Barbara reviewed notes from the break-out sessions and opened the floor for discussion. Notes from the retreat will be sent out to members at a later date.

- Outcomes from discussion: report to agencies and legislative committee, toolkits needed starting with the old toolkit as a starting point, conference to address wellness committee needs, and linkages between our agencies and other agencies (e.g. After School Programs, Breakfast in the Classroom).

### **Legislative Update**

- Barbara explained that the House and Senate will be majority Republican in Arkansas. Many of the new legislators are coming up to reduce government, which will pose a potential problem for state government. She informed everyone to be aware of this and there may be more challenges ahead.
- Anna Strong discussed Medicaid Program issues and funding. She also announced that the Affordable Care Act will give Arkansas the opportunity to extend Medicaid to adults. 1 out of 4 Arkansas adults is uninsured. She stated that we will need 75% of our legislators to vote for the appropriation of this money.
- Charlotte Davis announced that the Farm Bill will be up for reauthorization soon. She asked that CHAC send a letter of support for this bill when the time comes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.